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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh's Contacts with E. Howard Hunt

1. Attached are two copies of a Memorandum for the Record prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh, EA/China Operations, detailing her long personal association with E. Howard Hunt. Mrs. McIntosh informed me that she was unaware of the requirement to provide such a memorandum until early in the morning of 25 May, having been working most of the week at an outside office, not in Headquarters building.

2. I shall also contact [redacted] and ask him to prepare a similar memorandum, as it is apparent from paragraph 4 of Mrs. McIntosh's memo that [redacted] has also had a long history of association with Mr. Hunt. (b)(3) (b)(3)

[redacted] (b)(3)

Theodore G. Shackley
Chief, East Asia Division

Attachments: As Stated

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: E. Howard Hunt

(b)(3)

1. I have been asked by DCEA/China [redacted] to make a statement for the record on my association with E. Howard Hunt who has been convicted for his part in the Watergate case.

2. Mr. Hunt and I served together during World War II in the Office of Strategic Services. After the war I saw Mr. Hunt socially with my late husband, Richard P. Heppner, who was his commanding officer. Our meetings were infrequent and were in New York at places like 21 and other social clubs.

3. My first Agency contact with Mr. Hunt was in 1952 when I returned PCS from [redacted] Tracy Barnes was setting up the Domestic Operations Division and Mr. Hunt was assigned Chief of the C.A. section. He asked that I become his assistant. I worked with him until I joined the China Branch at Headquarters, three years later. During this time I saw Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and children frequently on social occasions. Mr. Hunt came down to our farm to train his German short haired pointer and has mentioned it in his books. I was very fond of Dorothy Hunt, who was killed in the Chicago airplane crash. (b)(1) (b)(3)

4. I lost contact with the Hunts when they went to Spain but resumed our friendship when he came back and was Chief, EUR/CA. When he retired from the Agency I frequently had lunch with him and two other Agency friends at Blues Alley, Georgetown, and other places. [redacted] who also once worked with Mr. Hunt in D.O. and [redacted] usually accompanied me. (b)(3) (b)(3)

5. Mr. Hunt led me to understand that his work for the White House was mainly in the public relations field. He was quite covert in discussing his duties and did not at any time

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mention any of the activities which have subsequently come to light during the trial. During this time, I asked him to do a favor for me in line with his PR duties at the White House. I had been working with our legal staff and Mr. Drury Blair of the Senate Legal Staff in preparation of a private bill (S629) for the relief of [redacted] for whom we had obtained U.S. citizenship. The bill was signed by President Nixon, and I asked Mr. Hunt if he could get the ball point pen the President used so I could give it to [redacted] He did this favor for me. (b)(3) (b)(3)

6. When news of Mr. Hunt's part in the Watergate case broke in the newspapers, I was on vacation but I wrote him and Dorothy from Rome reaffirming our friendship and belief in him. I received a letter from Mr. Hunt saying not to worry, that he had an excellent lawyer and that everything would be all right.

7. My next contact was at Mrs. Hunt's funeral. I had never seen a man so desolate and in state of shock. He was physically sustained by his children during the services. After the burial he came over to me with tears streaming down his cheeks and said that nothing mattered any more, that he felt personally responsible for Dorothy's death and didn't know how he would carry on if it weren't for the children, especially for David, who was only ten years old.

8. He took the children to Florida over Christmas. His wife had purchased the tickets for this trip and he thought it would ease tensions all round to have a change of scene. I understand he obtained special permission from the court to go.

9. As the trial developed and it became apparent that Mr. Hunt would probably go to jail, I became concerned for the children, especially for David. I telephoned Mr. Hunt sometime after Christmas and went to see him with Mrs. Goodrich. At that time he said he had obtained the services of a housekeeper who had been with the family in Latin America and who knew the children from their babyhood. Mr. Hunt seemed depressed but not despondent at this time. He was making plans to have his affairs taken over by William Buckley; he was seeing to necessary repairs around the house and discussed having David see a psychiatrist. (The children at David's school had been cruel

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about his father and the boy was beginning to show withdrawal signs.) Mr. Hunt wanted the children to remain at home, which would be a haven for them, with all their animals around, and reminders of their mother and father in the books, pictures, music.

10. I saw Mr. Hunt again on 14 February. He invited me and [redacted] to a Valentine Day luncheon. I felt (b)(3) at this meeting that he was in much better control of himself. He has a caustic tongue and was belittling part of the television program on which he had appeared with Mr. Buckley and a Cuban. He thought the Cuban had strayed too far from the main thrust of the program. He also said, when I asked him about his writing a book about the Bay of Pigs and Agency clearances, that he felt the Agency had "blown his cover". Therefore, he felt no sense of responsibility. I later discovered that Mr. Hunt had asked the Agency to be allowed to reveal his association and had been granted this request. ~~Nevertheless~~ I learned from [redacted] on the Director's staff, when we were (b)(3) discussing Mr. Hunt and I told him that I had been in touch with him.

11. The last time I saw Mr. Hunt was in early March at his home. We discussed a personal matter which has no bearing on the trial, or is of Agency interest. I offered to help in any way I could with the children and promised him I would keep in touch with Miss Stella the housekeeper, which I have done. Mr. Hunt said he had just finished a crash course in transcendental meditation and that it had already helped him face his future with a certain equanimity. He said he had no financial worries, that David would be spending the summer with Artime, his godfather, in Latin America, and that his only sadness was the fact that former friends seemed to have deserted him. I had the strong feeling, although he didn't state it, that he had done what he had done because he believed he was right. He is a man of very strong convictions, although often caustic and bitter.

12. I wrote to Mr. Hunt in jail three times. My letters attempted to make him feel that friends had not forgotten him. I mentioned several who had asked to be remembered. I described spring on the farm and the animals and tried to inject humor and a few bits of gossip into the letters, realizing that they would probably be opened. I sent him an Easter card and a little booklet on 1000 facts which I thought might be diverting. Miss Stella said I couldn't send magazines because they probably wouldn't reach him.

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13. I received two letters from Mr. Hunt. In one he was critical of McCord's testimony about Dorothy. He said he was a "swine" to bring her name into the trial. (Any mention of his dead wife seemed to draw an agonized response.) He also said he hoped the people at the Agency wouldn't be too angry at his testimony but said he had 'told it as it was.' Otherwise, his letters discussed his view from his cell, the food, reading matter, and his children.

14. As you can see from the foregoing account, my friendship with Mr. Hunt is the reason for my continuing to be in touch with him. I do not believe in deserting friends when they need help. He has had his whole world crash about him and has come through with considerable courage. I do not condone what he did, and it has only been in recent weeks that I have learned through the press of the Agency's involvement in the case. I do not believe anything I have said to Mr. Hunt, or him to me, has jeopardized the Agency to which I hold a deep sense of loyalty. Mr. Hunt is a gentleman and a patriotic American, albeit a deeply introspective person who perhaps lives a great deal more than we suspect in the pages of his own books.

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